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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed November 29, 2002, in the above-identified application. This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. If any extension of time is required to consider this response, such extension is hereby requested.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

Remarks

Claims 1 to 20 are pending. Claims 1 to 10 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 11 to 20 remain under consideration.

The Specification

The specification was objected to because the text of sheets 2 and 2a did not continuously flow with the specification. Replacement sheets are provided.